



## Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County

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### Interagency Services Report April 2015

#### Highlights this Month

##### Judge Dan H. Michael's Calendar

Judge Michael met with Dr. Altha Stewart on April 2, 2015 regarding **Tennessee Mental Health, Juvenile Justice Policy Academy Action Network** and a discussion forum on diversion, care coordination and community partnerships for justice-involved youth with behavioral disorders. The discussion forum is scheduled for April 30, 2015.

Judge Michael met with **Traci Sampson, Consilience Group**, concerning a collaboration for youth with behavioral issues on April 7, 2015.

On April 8, 2015, Judge Michael participated in the 9th Annual **Leadership Germantown** Tour of Juvenile Court, Hope Academy and Discussion Session.

Judge Michael, along with Magistrates Garland Erguden and Terre Fratesi, attended the **Annual Children's Memorial Flag Raising Ceremony**, sponsored by Memphis Child Advocacy Center, on April 8, 2015. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and this event memorializes children who have died in the past year because of child abuse or neglect.

On April 9, 2015, Judge Michael hosted **Shelby County Commissioner Willie Brooks** on a tour of Juvenile Court.

Judge Michael hosted **Shelby County Commissioner Terry Roland** on a tour of Juvenile Court on April 10, 2015.

On April 13, 2015, a meeting was held with **Anthony Cooper** concerning mentoring programs.

Judge Michael spoke at the **Shelby County Republican Women's Meeting** on April 14, 2015 on Juvenile Court.

On April 15, 2015, Judge Michael met with **Todd Hickman** regarding Opportunity Academy.

On April 15, 2015, Judge Michael met with Cheryl Beard, Audrey Gonzales and Kimbrell Owens regarding the **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)**.

Judge Michael met with **Shelby County Commissioner Heidi Schafer** on April 16, 2015.

Linda Seely, Attorney, Memphis Area Legal Services, interviewed Judge Michael for **Memphis Lawyer Magazine**, Judge's Profile, on April 16, 2015.

### **Judge Dan H. Michael's Calendar, Continued**

On April 18, 2015, Judge Michael had a follow-up meeting with Debbie Nichols, **West Tennessee Regional Forensic Center**.

Judge Michael met with **Martha Lott, Shelby County Director of Community Services**, on April 20, 2015 concerning grants.

Judge Michael conducted a follow-up meeting with Mia Henley and Meredith Hennessy, **Consilience Group** on April 21, 2015.

On April 22, 2015, Judge Michael conducted a speaking engagement at **Phelps Security**.

Judge Michael spoke at **Whitehaven High School** for their "Be Kind" Program on April 24, 2015.

On April 27, 2015, Judge Michael met with **Dr. David Roush, DOJ Protection from Harm Consultant**.

On April 27, 2015, Judge Michael hosted the DOJ Team on a tour of the **Evening Reporting Center (ERC)**.

Judge Michael attended a reception at the **Memphis Child Advocacy Center** honoring the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities on April 27, 2015.

On April 28, 2015, Judge Michael attended a luncheon at **Calvary Episcopal Church** honoring lawyers and judges who have passed away in the past year.

Dr. Michael J. Leiber, **DOJ Equal Protection Monitor**, met with Judge Michael on April 28, 2015.

Judge Michael met with **Sheriff Bill Oldham** regarding Detention on April 30, 2015.

Judge Michael met with **Mayor Mark Luttrell** on April 30, 2015.

### **Juvenile Court Staff Activities**

MOU signed with **Memphis Leadership Foundation (MLF)** & community partners for continuation of Fast Forward Memphis, if funded by the U.S. Department of Labor.

On April 8, 2015, **Leadership Germantown** toured Juvenile Court and Hope Academy in their ninth Annual Visit. After the tour, a discussion session was held. In addition to Judge Michael, Juvenile Court staff attending includes Larry Scroggs, Magistrate Garland Erguden, Marquita Evans, Barry Mitchell, Pam Skelton, Fran Gonzales, Faye Howard, Gary Cummings, Willie Walton, Mamie Jones, Larry Weichel, Tom Coupé, Blake Morrison and Sherry Schedler.

## Juvenile Court Staff Activities, Continued

A Letter of Commitment signed on April 21, 2015 in support of **Seedco** and their Training to Work 3 Initiative.

Fran Gonzales, Michael Blancett, Sherry Schedler, Yolanda Joshua, Kimbrell Owens and Lisa Hill attended a Panel Discussion, *Youth Violence: Bullying, Cyber-Bullying and School and Mob Violence* presented by the **Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council** on April 22, 2015.

On April 23, 2015, Michael Blancett participated in the first meeting of **Memphis Child Advocacy Center's Community Partner Focus Group**. The group will work on a three-year strategic plan facilitated by Gaskill Strategies LLC.

On April 27, 2015, Pam Skelton, Fran Gonzales, Gary Cummings, Mamie Jones, Willie Walton and Larry Weichel attended the DOJ Team Tour of the **Evening Reporting Center (ERC)**.

On April 27, 2015, DOJ Protection from Harm Consultant, **Dr. David Roush**, met with Pam Skelton, Magistrate Garland Erguden, Larry Scroggs, Magistrate David Walker, Dini Malone and Kimbrell Owens.

Katherine Schaffler, Debra Salters, Jim Dupree, Michelle Jones and Tyrone Hurd participated in staff conferences with the DOJ Due Process Monitor, **Ms. Sandra Simpkins** from April 27-May 1, 2015.

The DOJ Team Equal Protection Monitor, **Dr. Michael Leiber**, conducted meetings with Pam Skelton, Magistrate Garland Erguden, Larry Scroggs, Magistrate David Walker, Dini Malone; Shannon Caraway, Caralee Barrett, Lisa Hill, Thomas Coupé and Kimbrell Owens from on April 27 and 28, 2015.

Fran Gonzales, Rita Hall, Kimbrell Owens and Sherry Schedler participated in the **Tennessee Mental Health, Juvenile Justice Policy Academy Action Network Discussion Forum** on diversion, care coordination and community partnerships for justice-involved youth with behavioral disorders on April 30, 2015.

On April 30, 2015, Larry Scroggs and the DOJ Team participated in meetings with Judge Michael and **Sheriff Bill Oldham** regarding Detention Services.

On April 30, 2015, Larry Scroggs and the DOJ Team participated in a meeting with Judge Michael and **Mayor Mark Luttrell**.

The **International Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention (IAT DP)** will hold its 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Memphis, TN, on October 25-28, 2015. Sharon Fuller and Sherry Schedler are serving on the Conference Planning Committee.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Marquita Evans at 901-405-8518 or the Juvenile Court designee as indicated to the right of each project description. Additional information is available at the following:



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**Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships**

**American Correctional Association (ACA) Accreditation-** Juvenile Court Detention has undergone accreditation through the ACA. Accreditation is a system of verification that correctional agencies/facilities comply with national standards promulgated by the ACA. Accreditation is achieved through a series of reviews, evaluations, audits and hearings. ACA standards are the national benchmark for the effective operation of correctional systems throughout the U.S. and are necessary to ensure correctional facilities are operated professionally. They address services, programs and operations essential to good correctional management, including administrative and fiscal controls, staff training and development, physical plant, safety and emergency procedures, sanitation, food service, and rules and discipline. Standards reflect practical, up-to-date policies and procedures that safeguard the life, health and safety of staff and offenders. Final audit-October 3-5, 2011 & accreditation recommended. Accreditation Awarded on 1/22/2012. **February 23-27, 2015:** ACA Audit conducted and reaccreditation was successful pending Panel Interview in August 2015. Detention Services scored 100% on mandatory standards. **Contact: Crystal Norment**

**Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF), Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives (JDAI) Site-** Memphis' success in reducing the number of youth in Detention earned the City a coveted partnership with the AECF in June 2011. Memphis is one of the largest urban Courts in the U.S. and the first in Tennessee selected by AECF as a JDAI Site. The AECF has JDAI sites in approximately 200 jurisdictions in 39 states and Washington D.C. focusing on education, counseling, rehabilitation, and therapy. The Foundation's juvenile justice reform agenda is designed to improve the odds that delinquent youth make successful transitions to adulthood. **Contact: Kimbrell Owens, JDAI Site Coordinator**

**Child Protection Investigation Team (CPIT) Advisory Coalition** - Coordinated interagency multidisciplinary response to prevent, detect, investigate, treat, and prosecute child sexual abuse & severe physical abuse. **Contact: Michael Blancett**

**Department of Children's Services Community Advisory Board (CAB)** – Mission is to empower families and support community safety and partnerships to insure the safety, permanency and well-being of children. The Board meets monthly and membership is composed of community organizational leaders. **Contact: Barry Mitchell**

**Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI) Grant/Network for Overcoming Violence and Abuse (NOVA)** - U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Initiative addressing children's exposure to violence. Goals are to prevent children's exposure to violence as victims and witnesses, mitigate the negative effects experienced by children exposed to violence, and develop knowledge about and increase awareness. A key component is a multiyear demonstration program whereby eight cities were awarded planning grants. Shelby County's Office of Early Childhood and Youth is coordinating the local Initiative and spearheading the comprehensive, coordinated community response. **Note:** Plan developed in coordination with the Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan & Operation: Safe Community 2012-2016. On 10/10/2012, Memphis' Plan launched under project name of Network for Overcoming Violence and Abuse (NOVA). 5/2/2013 Update: Family Violence Specialist (FVS), housed at Juvenile Court, began employment. **May 2014 Update:** FVS funding ended. **Contact: Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett**

**Hope Academy** - Partnership between Juvenile Court and Memphis City (now Shelby County-SCS) Schools to provide full-time academic instruction and programming for detained youth. Classes began in February 2010 as partners recognized the need to insure a quality education to all children and the need to prepare youth to be successful and productive citizens. Hope Academy staff includes a Program Manager, certified teachers, special education services, and support staff. Further, SCS provides a liaison to work with the LEA after the student is no longer detained and transitioning back to the school system.

## **Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, continued**

### **Hope Academy, continued**

A Recreational Coordinator employed by Juvenile Court enhances Hope Academy with daily activities to improve the child's health, wellness, and physical fitness. **The Hope Academy Advisory Council** meets quarterly to discuss program progress and make recommendations. **Contacts: Larry Scroggs, Gary Cummings, Willie Walton, Mamie Jones, Larry Weichel and Sherry Schedler**

### **Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County Evening Reporting Center (ERC) Pilot Program**

- The ERC formally launched and received the first youth at JIFF on 2/24/2015. The ERC is a community-based alternative to detention for a target group of youth under supervised probation. Referrals from Juvenile Court are made in response to probation violation for youth who need additional supervision and a structured environment for a brief time. The Reporting Center is designed to help keep youth involved in positive experiences while ensuring they are occupied during times they are most likely to recidivate. **(Fran Gonzales) (New)**

**Juvenile Intervention & Faith Based Follow-up (JIFF)** – Provides youth from the juvenile justice system with the skills support and direction necessary to break the destructive cycle of delinquent behavior. JIFF provides holistic, intensive intervention with a goal of successful reintegration to the community for youth under the supervision of Youth Services Bureau (YSB). Since 2003, JIFF has served over 700 youth under YSB supervision. JIFF is a partner under Operation: Safe Community 2012-2016 and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Memphis Face Forward grant. **Contact: Fran Gonzales**

**Mediation and Restitution/ Reconciliation Services (MARRS)** - MARRS is a program of Memphis Leadership Foundation (MLF). The mission of MARRS is to intervene in the lives of first and second-time juvenile offenders by providing mediation, restitution, character development and positive outreach activities. MARRS' vision is to change lives thereby empowering youth served to become healthy community members and avoid further offenses using a restorative justice approach. MARRS is a partner in the U.S. DOL, Memphis Face Forward grant. **Contact: Yolanda Rumph and Donna Gray**

**Memphis and Shelby County Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) and Confinement Task Force** – Sponsored by Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY), the mission is to bring together citizens, stakeholders, and families to identify and address issues leading to overrepresentation of minority youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. **Contacts: Gary Cummings, Morrie Noel and Lisa Hill**

**Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board (Juvenile Justice Board)** – The Juvenile Justice Board provides direction in developing and implementing school safety programs and strategies. Further, Board works collaboratively with partners in seeking improvements and policy changes addressing emerging and changing needs of Memphis & Shelby County youth at risk of delinquency. In January 2009, group adopted bylaws, elected executive committee, and adopted Gang Resistance Assistance to Save Society's Youth (**GRASSY**) national model. In June 2009, GRASSY became the GRASSY Steering Committee and Implementation Team separate from the Juvenile Justice Board. **Contacts: Larry Scroggs, Gary Cummings, Kimbrell Owens, Lisa Hill and Sherry Schedler**

**Memphis and Shelby County Truancy Prevention Initiative (TPI)** – Group of community-based agencies that meet monthly to study and formulate truancy reduction strategies. Meetings are held during the school year. **Contacts: Sharon Fuller and Sherry Schedler**

**(Memphis City Schools-MCS now Shelby County Schools-SCS) GRASSY Steering Committee & Intervention Team (IT)**: The GRASSY Steering Committee & Intervention Team (IT) participates in the launch of the national gang model, Gang Resistance Assistance to Save Society's Youth (**GRASSY**). Work originally began in the Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board and evolved to separate entities. **\*See Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board. Contact: Steering Committee and IT Member - Steven Allen**

## **Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, continued**

**Memphis Police Department (MPD) “Real Talk” Program** – “Real Talk” engages high school students in an informal way and provides opportunities for productive dialogue to build relationships among law enforcement, schools and communities. MPD schedules a monthly presentation with a local high school. Officers arrange a basketball scrimmage or drill challenge with students followed by a brief presentation and small group breakout session. Juvenile Court provides staff to assist MPD in “Real Talk” & began participation in January 2014. **Contacts-Barry Mitchell and Lisa Hill**

**Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan Project** – Memphis was selected as one of six cities by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) tasked to develop a comprehensive, community-based plan to prevent gang and youth violence. In 2011, Memphis and other cities presented their plans at a Youth Violence Summit in Washington D.C. Memphis’ project coordination is provided by the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, spearheading Operation: Safe Community. The Initiative is led by Mayor A C Wharton and Mayor Mark Luttrell and participating agency representation is provided by U.S. Attorney’s Office, District Attorney’s Office, Public Health, Public Safety, Children’s Services, both City and County governments and school system, as well as representatives from the non-profit, business and faith-based communities. Project developed in coordination with the *Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI) Grant*. April 2012 Update - 2nd National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention Summit in Washington, D.C. Presentation by Memphis on youth violence prevention initiatives. Larry Scroggs attending. **Contacts-Judge Michael and Larry Scroggs - Policy Council; Gary Cummings, Fran Gonzales, Nancy Roll, Sherry Schedler and Mike Smith (Hope Academy)**

## **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Initiatives:**

- **Juvenile Justice Model Court**-Juvenile Justice Model Courts Project of the Juvenile and Family Law Department of the NCJFCJ; Short Title: NCJFCJ Juvenile Justice Model Courts Project – On 7/1/2011, Juvenile Court became one of only a dozen courts nationwide designated a Juvenile Justice Model Court. A Juvenile Justice Model Court is one that makes the commitment of human and fiscal resources to follow key principles and recommendations set forth in the *Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines*. In this context, the term means that a court seeks to improve practice by implementing the *Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines* and assessing its progress serving as a “model” for broad systems change. The Project sets forth essential elements to help courts achieve improved delinquency case processing and outcomes for youth, families and communities while aspiring to excellence. Project is underway. **Contacts: Larry Scroggs and Dini Malone**
- **School Pathways to Juvenile Justice System Project** - On November 25, 2013, the NCJFCJ selected Juvenile Court as one of 16 courts in the nation to participate in the School Pathways to Juvenile Justice System Project. The NCJFCJ provides training and technical assistance to help judicial leaders develop efforts to reduce referrals of youth to juvenile courts for school-based misbehaviors and to expand the use of positive disciplinary practices in schools. The NCJFCJ’s goal for this project is to support student engagement and reduce students’ school exclusion. The work is based largely on the successes of Judge Steven Teske (Clayton Co., GA) and former judge Brian Huff (Jefferson Co., AL) that have addressed school-to-juvenile justice system issues in their jurisdictions and have assisted other courts to address the issue as well. Selected sites are assigned a Site Visit Facilitator recruited by the NCJFCJ due to their knowledge of school-court issues and/or experience with team facilitation and strategic planning. The first Technical Assistance Site Visit occurred on December 16-17, 2014. Judge Steven Teske of Clayton County, Georgia, Judge John Romero of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Cheri Ely are NCJFCJ Facilitators.
- **National Implementation Site for Dependency and Neglect** - On July 7, 2014, the NCJFCJ chose Juvenile Court as one of only eight sites in the country as a National Implementation Site for Dependency and Neglect. This is a nationwide child welfare program to

## **Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, continued**

### **National Implementation Site for Dependency and Neglect, continued**

"implement best practices and to improve court systems for the benefit of the children and families in the respective jurisdiction". Juvenile Court was chosen, in part because of "the court's commitment and motivation to implement system reform efforts; the court's willingness to organize and form a strong collaborative team; and the court's desire to improve current court practice." The NCJFCJ has been partnering with courts across the country since 1992 to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children and their families. The selected sites receive individualized assessments, training and technical assistance as they work toward improving practices and outcomes. NCJFCJ staff works closely with lead judges and their court teams. In addition, the NCJFCJ provides training on the Enhanced Resource Guidelines and fosters important connections to the network of the NCJFCJ Model Courts. On November 12-14, 2014, the first Technical Assistance Site Visit was conducted by Franz Braun and Sarah Ray, NCJFCJ Project Leaders. **Update:** On March 18-20, 2015, Judge Michael and key Court staff attended the All-Sites Conference in Reno, NV. **(New)**

**Operation Hope** – Founded in 2001, Operation Hope is a faith-based program designed to provide intervention for high-risk juveniles and empower them toward a healthy productive future. Operation Hope provides intensive intervention for those at highest risk of custody and is under the administration of Memphis Leadership Foundation. **Contact: Yolanda Rumph/Donna Gray**

**Operation: Safe Community (OSC)** - Partnership of government leaders, faith-based community, neighborhood groups, business leaders, and citizens across Memphis and Shelby County in an unprecedented joint effort to reduce crime. Goal is to make Memphis & Shelby County one of the safest communities in the U.S. Key local and federal agencies and partners originally convened to develop the strategic plan presented at the Crime Summit. 2012 Key Updates: OSC 2012-2016 launched incorporating the Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Plan and Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI). **(NOTE: DCI Grant Project Name: Network for Overcoming Violence and Abuse (NOVA).**

**Contacts: Judge Michael and Larry Scroggs -Executive Committee**

**\*See Memphis Youth Violence Prevention Project and Defending Childhood Initiative**

**School House Adjustment Program Enterprise (SHAPE)** – Memphis City Schools (MCS) originally awarded grant funds in 2007 by TCCY for a DMC Pilot to develop & implement an informal adjustment program. Grant funds ended in 2011 and program sustained by MCS (now Shelby County Schools). Community partners created guidelines & strategies through a Project Implementation Board (PIB). SHAPE provides immediate intervention with students who commit minor offenses & provides alternatives from transporting to Juvenile Court. Coordinators at 21 target schools assign dispositional alternatives such as community service, restitution, and/or counseling. On 8/24/11, MCS was notified that SHAPE was selected as a DMC Best Practice by OJJDP and added to the OJJDP Model Programs Guide. **Contacts: Morrie Noel, Gary Cummings and Sherry Schedler**

**University of Tennessee, Center of Excellence-Community-Based Learning Collaborative (CBLC)** - The Evaluation and Referral (E&R) Bureau participated in a CBLC on Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) in July 2013. E&R completed "train the trainer" sessions to serve as community "brokers" to identify, connect & refer children who may have experienced trauma. The goal of the project is to develop a community-wide approach for professionals and agencies to learn, implement and sustain the use of Evidence Supported Treatments (EST) over time. Further, to insure children receive appropriate trauma-focused treatment and planning. E&R participated in TF-CBT specialized training, participates in conference calls, data collection and senior leadership meetings. **Contact: Nancy Roll**



## **Active Program Collaboratives/Partnerships, continued**

**Youth Court** - Juvenile Court and project partners, Tennessee Bar Association, Memphis Bar Association, Memphis Area Legal Services, and (Memphis City-MCS now Shelby County Schools- SCS) Schools implemented a Youth Court in 2010 pursuant to state statute. The first cases were heard on 2/24/11. Students from Cordova, Hillcrest, Overton, and Middle College High Schools comprised the inaugural student volunteer panelists and perform the roles of prosecutors, defense counsel, and jurors. Participation provides a rich learning experience and mentoring by volunteer attorneys. Teen/Youth Court is a model program of the OJJDP and incorporates elements of restorative justice to hold youth accountable for offenses and prevent future delinquency. Youth courts, also known as teen or peer courts, are an alternative sentencing mechanism for first time, non-violent juvenile offenders who appear before and are sentenced by a jury of their peers. 2014 Update: Youth Court added 2 new schools for a total of 12 participating schools. 175 students underwent training. **March 2015 Update:** Youth Court has 15 schools currently participating with roughly 50 volunteer attorneys. **Contacts: Avis Lamar Allen, Thomas Coupé and Pamela James**

## **Board and/or Advisory Council Involvement**

- **Child Protection Investigation Team (CPIT) Advisory Coalition-** Michael Blancett
- **Commission on Missing and Exploited Children (COMEC) Board of Directors-** Pamela Taylor
- **Defending Childhood Initiative (DCI)/ Network for Overcoming Violence and Abuse (NOVA), Steering Committee Member & Grant Management Team –** Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett
- **DCS Community Advisory Board (CAB)-** Barry Mitchell, Vice-Chair
- **DMC Taskforce of Memphis & Shelby County –**Morrie Noel, Gary Cummings and Lisa Hill
- **DMC State Taskforce-** Gary Cummings and Lisa Hill
- **Early Success Coalition Steering Committee –** Michael Blancett and Erica Glynn
- **Hope Academy Advisory Council –**Larry Scroggs, Gary Cummings, Mamie Jones, Willie Walton, Larry Weichel and Sherry Schedler
- **In Home Tennessee Committee on Domestic Violence –** Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett
- **In Home Tennessee Committee on Intensive Family Preservation -** Barbara Jackson
- **In Home Tennessee Implementation Team-** Thomas Coupé and Nancy Roll
- **In Home Tennessee Mental Health Assessment Workgroup-** Nancy Roll
- **International Association For Truancy and Dropout Prevention (IATDP) Planning Committee -** Sharon Fuller and Sherry Schedler **(New)**
- **Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Governing Committee -** Kimbrell Owens
- **Just Care Family Network Coordinating Council -** Nancy Roll, Co-Chair
- **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Advisory Committee -** Sherry Schedler



### **Board and/or Advisory Council Involvement, continued**

- **Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Local State Advisory Membership Board (SAMB)** - Larry Scroggs - Chairman; Trisha Monteil, Fran Gonzales and Sherry Schedler
- **Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board** –Larry Scroggs, Gary Cummings, Thomas Coupé, Kimbrell Owens, Lisa Hill, and Sherry Schedler
- **Memphis and Shelby County Truancy Prevention Initiative (TPI)** –Sharon Fuller and Sherry Schedler
- **(Memphis City Schools-MCS now Shelby County Schools-SCS) GRASSY - Committees** -Member: **Steering Committee & Intervention Team** - Steven Allen
- **Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council**- Fran Gonzales, **President**; Michael Blancett and Fran Gonzales, **Executive Committee**; *Other Members*-Barry Mitchell, Gary Cummings, Pam Taylor, Avis Lamar Allen, Belynda Dwyer, Erica Glynn and Sherry Schedler
- **Shelby County Interagency Domestic Abuse Fatality Review Team**- Michael Blancett
- **Shelby County Relative Caregiver Advisory Board**- Faye Howard and Stacey Smith
- **Southwest Tennessee Community College (STCC) , Business, Criminal Justice and Paralegal Studies Advisory Committee** - Sherry Schedler
- **Tennessee (Shelby County) Integrated Policy Academy Action Network** – Barry Mitchell

### **Active Interagency Memoranda of Understanding and/or Agreement**

- **April 25, 2002:** User agreement between **TBI** and Juvenile Court for administration of the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), telecommunications equipment, and/or interfaces for transmission and retrieval of information.
- **June 11, 2003:** Interagency MOU with **COMEC** for use of computer network system.
- **October 13, 2006:** MOU with **Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Jail Division**, to establish policies and practices for communication & information for juveniles transferred to Criminal Court.
- **April 30, 2008:** MOA between Juvenile Court and Memphis City Schools (MCS), Division of Alternative Schools and Programs, to implement a **Transitional Center**. The Center serves delinquent youth in YSB and those leaving secure residential programs. The Center provides academic assessment, instruction and comprehensive services with the aim of returning the youth to the appropriate school setting. Center opened on 8/12/08 with a capacity of 60.
- **July 17, 2008:** Updated 2nd Revision Multi-agency MOU signed with The Memphis Child Advocacy Center, Child Protection Investigation Team (**CPIT**) and project partners. Purpose is to work through interagency approach to insure best outcomes for child victims of sexual and severe physical abuse. Protocol is culmination of teamwork of law enforcement, child protection, medical, victims' services, mental health, and prosecution per TCA 37-1-607.
- **August 8, 2008:** Multi-agency MOU signed between Memphis City Schools, City of Memphis, Memphis Police Department, Shelby County Government, Shelby County Public Defender's Office, and Juvenile Court for the School House Adjustment Program (**SHAPE**). August 27, 2010: Updated Revision to Multi-agency MOU signed for (**SHAPE**). Revision updates original MOUs of 8/8/08 and 1<sup>st</sup> revision of 6/3/09 extending partnership for additional year. November 22, 2013: Updated MOU signed. 11-30-2014: Updated MOU executed with expanded project partners, charges and schools.

## Active Interagency Memoranda of Understanding and/or Agreement, continued

- **November 26, 2008:** MOU with **Tennessee Career Center Memphis (TCCM)** to establish policies and practices for referrals and outcome reporting for individuals referred by the Court for job training and employment services.
- **December 21, 2009:** MOU signed and approved by MCS Board of Education to develop and implement educational services in Juvenile Court Detention. **NOTE: Hope Academy** opened in February 2010. **NOTE:** February 8, 2011: MOU Extension approved for 1 year. MCS Attorney, Andrea Hood. October 5, 2012: Extension approved. **October 15, 2014:** MOU Extension approved. SCS Attorney - Sybille S. Noble
- **June 22, 2010:** MOA signed with local law enforcement, Memphis City Schools (MCS), District Attorney General, University of Memphis, DCS, and community agencies for the Gang Reduction Assistance for Saving Societies Youth (**GRASSY**). GRASSY, in partnership with community stakeholders, is a school-based intervention working with identified gang members to reduce gang involvement, criminal behavior, and school disruption by providing targeted services to gang-involved youth.
- **November 8, 2011:** MOU with Memphis City Schools (now Shelby County Schools) to establish policies and practices for Memphis and Shelby County Youth Court (**Youth Court**).
- **December 14, 2011:** MOA with **Shelby County Health Department** for nursing services, screenings and coordination of indicated support services for youth in Detention.
- **August 3, 2012:** MOU with **CASA** to define the working relationship and policies and practices for CASA's daily operations in accordance with the Juvenile Court Administrative Manual and facility usage.
- **December 7, 2012:** MOU with **JIFF, Inc.** in support of Operation: Safe Community 2012-2016, Action Item 18e, & to increase the number of youth referred for intervention services.
- **February 15, 2013:** Letter of Agreement between The Annie E. Casey Foundation (**AECF**) and Shelby County Government on behalf of Juvenile Court (and Shelby County) for grant funds and to support replication of the JDAI. **NOTE:** Updated MOU executed on 10-14-2014.
- **April 22, 2013:** MOU with MCS (now Shelby County Schools) to implement a School-Based Probation Liaison (**SBPL**) Initiative.
- **May 6, 2013:** MOU with Memphis Leadership Foundation (**MLF**) & community partners for program expansion for Dept. of Labor (DOL) grant application. Note: Memphis Fast Forward grant funds awarded.
- **September 4, 2013:** MOU with Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) for the Law Enforcement Assessment Phone-In Pilot Program (**LEAP**). October 31, 2014: MOU signed to expand LEAP with the addition of Memphis Police Department as project partner.
- **January 29, 2014:** MOU with Shelby County Office of Early Childhood and Youth and project partners for grant application to U.S. DOJ, Office on Violence against Women (OVW). If funded, grant will expand services of **DCI/NOVA** for children and youth exposed to violence.
- **June 2, 2014:** MOA with **Shelby County Early Success Coalition (ESC)** for participation as Endorsing Partner.
- **July 22, 2014:** MOA between Shelby County Government on behalf of Juvenile Court and **Christ Community Health Services, Inc.** for dental exams, treatment and services for detained children.
- **April 2, 2015:** MOU with **Memphis Leadership Foundation (MLF)** & community partners for continuation of Fast Forward Memphis via U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), if funded. **(New)**
- **April 21, 2015:** Letter of Commitment signed in support of **Seedco** and the Training to Work 3 Initiative. **(New)**

## Juvenile Court Grant Initiatives & Activity

- ❖ **Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)**

## **Juvenile Court Grant Initiatives & Activity, continued**

### **Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), continued**

The Tennessee AOC awards grant funds through the Access and Visitation Grant for development of or continuation of initiatives that aid self-represented litigants in accessing the Tennessee court system regarding child support issues. Juvenile Court utilizes funds for a part-time law student assistant in the Office of the Advocate of Non-Custodial Parents.

- August 8, 2014: Application submitted for FY 2014-2015.
- August 22, 2014: Funds awarded for FY 2014-2015.

#### **❖ Child and Family Intervention Grant**

Grant award by the Tennessee Department of Children's Services (DCS) directly to Juvenile Court for work with children and families at risk of entering State custody.

- September 2014: Received notice of new proposals due & change from 1 to 3-year grant term.
- October 7, 2014: Grant proposal submitted to DCS for FY 2016-2018.
- January 28, 2015: Program Accountability Review (PAR) conducted by Jamillah Norrells and Minnie Butts, DCS. **(Sherry Schedler)**
- January 29, 2015: Fiscal Review conducted by Russell Todd, DCS Internal Audit Staff **(Tinny Bryson)**
- Grant proposal approved for FY 2016-2018. Contract pending. **(Dini Malone) (New)**

#### **❖ Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) / YSO - TCCY State Supplement**

Grant award from TCCY to Juvenile Court and redirected to CASA for services of Youth Services Officer (YSO). Administrative support provided by Juvenile Court Administrative Services.

- June 30, 2013: Effective date of merger with The Exchange Club Child and Family Center.
- April 1, 2014: DCS Program Audit conducted on State Supplement grant.
- April 22, 2014: DCS Fiscal Audit conducted.

#### **❖ Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)**

Grant funded by OJJDP, administered by TCCY, & passed through to Shelby County Government. Program Purpose Areas promote greater accountability within the juvenile justice system. Grant requires State Advisory Membership Boards (SAMB) to make funding decisions.

- **NOTE: All JABG funds end on 6/30/2015.**

#### **❖ Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)**

JAG replaces Byrne Formula & Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) with a single funding mechanism for specific purpose areas including programs for law enforcement, prosecution and court, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment, and planning, evaluation and technology improvement. Funds provided by the U.S. BJA passed through to Shelby County Government.

- Audits conducted via Shelby County Government on March 24, 2015. **(Trisha Monteil-Facilitator; Avis Allen and Sherry Schedler)**

### **Interagency Activity Detail**

**April 2, 2015:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting **(Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**

**April 2, 2015:** DCI Steering Committee (NOVA) & Grants Management Team Meetings **(Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**

## Interagency Activity Detail, Continued

**April 2, 2015:** Meeting with Dr. Altha Stewart regarding Tennessee Mental Health, Juvenile Justice Policy Academy Action Network Discussion Forum scheduled for April 30, 2015. **(Judge Dan H. Michael)**

**April 7, 2015:** International Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention (IATDP) Committee Meeting **(Sherry Schedler)**

**April 7, 2015:** Meeting with Traci Sampson, Consilience Group **(Judge Michael)**

**April 7, 2015:** GRASSY Intervention Team Meeting **(Steven Allen)**

**April 7, 2015:** Attendance/Truancy Task Force Meeting, hosted by Operation: Safe Community and People First **(Sharon Fuller and Sherry Schedler)**

**April 8, 2015:** Annual Children's Memorial Flag Raising Ceremony **(Judge Michael, Magistrate Garland Erguden and Magistrate Terre Fratesi)**

**April 8, 2015:** 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Germantown Tour of Juvenile Court, Hope Academy and Discussion Session **(Judge Michael, Larry Scroggs, Magistrate Garland Erguden, Marquita Evans, Barry Mitchell, Pam Skelton, Fran Gonzales, Faye Howard, Gary Cummings, Willie Walton, Mamie Jones, Larry Weichel, Tom Coupé, Blake Morrison and Sherry Schedler)**

**April 9, 2015:** Shelby County Commissioner Willie Brooks toured Juvenile Court **(Judge Michael)**

**April 9, 2015:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting **(Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**

**April 9, 2015:** DCI Steering Committee (NOVA) & Grants Management Team Meetings **(Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**

**April 9, 2015:** COMEC Board of Directors Meeting **(Pam Taylor)**

**April 10, 2015:** Shelby County Commissioner Terry Roland toured Juvenile Court **(Judge Michael)**

**April 12, 2015:** In Home Tennessee Intensive Family Preservation Committee Meeting **(Barbara Jackson)**

**April 13, 2015:** Meeting with Anthony Cooper concerning mentoring programs **(Judge Michael)**

**April 14, 2015:** Speaking Engagement at the Shelby County Republican Women's Meeting on Juvenile Court **(Judge Michael)**

**April 14, 2015:** GRASSY Intervention Team Meeting **(Steven Allen)**

**April 15, 2015:** Meeting with Cheryl Beard & Audrey Gonzales regarding JDAI **(Judge Michael and Kimbrell Owens)**

**April 15, 2015:** Meeting with Todd Hickman regarding Opportunity Academy **(Judge Michael)**

**April 16, 2015:** Memphis and Shelby County Truancy Prevention Initiative (TPI) Meeting **(Sharon Fuller and Sherry Schedler)**

**April 16, 2015:** DCI Steering Committee (NOVA) & Grants Management Team Meetings **(Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**

**April 16, 2015:** Interview with Linda Seely for Memphis Lawyer Magazine. Judge's Profile **(Judge Michael)**

**April 16, 2015:** CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting **(Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**

**April 16, 2015:** Meeting with Shelby County Commissioner Heidi Schafer **(Judge Michael)**

**April 18, 2015:** Follow-up Meeting with Debbie Nichols, West Tennessee Regional Forensic Center **(Judge Michael)**

**April 20, 2015:** In Home Tennessee Committee on Domestic Violence **(Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)**

**April 21, 2015:** Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board Meeting **(Sherry Schedler)**

**April 21, 2015:** GRASSY Intervention Team Meeting **(Steven Allen)**

**April 21, 2015:** DCS Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting **(Barry Mitchell)**

## Interagency Activity Detail, Continued

<b>April 21, 2015:</b>	Follow-up meeting with Mia Henley & Meredith Hennessy, Consilience Group <b>(Judge Michael)</b>
<b>April 21, 2015:</b>	Just Care Family Network Coordinating Council <b>(Nancy Roll)</b>
<b>April 21, 2015:</b>	Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network Meeting <b>(Rita Hall)</b>
<b>April 22, 2015:</b>	Memphis/Shelby County Children and Youth Council Panel Discussion, <i>Youth Violence: Bullying, Cyber-Bullying and School and Mob Violence</i> <b>(Fran Gonzales, Michael Blancett, Sherry Schedler, Yolanda Joshua, Kimbrell Owens and Lisa Hill)</b>
<b>April 23, 2015:</b>	Speaking Engagement at Phelps Security <b>(Judge Michael)</b>
<b>April 23, 2015:</b>	Memphis Child Advocacy Center Community Focus Group Meeting <b>(Michael Blancett)</b>
<b>April 23, 2015:</b>	DCI Steering Committee (NOVA) & Grants Management Team Meetings <b>(Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)</b>
<b>April 23, 2015:</b>	CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting <b>(Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)</b>
<b>April 23, 2015:</b>	International Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention Meeting <b>(Sharon Fuller and Sherry Schedler)</b>
<b>April 24, 2015:</b>	Speaking Engagement at Whitehaven High School, "Be Kind" Program <b>(Judge Michael)</b>
<b>April 27, 2015:</b>	DOJ Team, Protection from Harm Consultant, Dr. David Roush Interviews <b>(Judge Michael, Pam Skelton, Magistrate Garland Erguden, Larry Scroggs, Magistrate David Walker, Dini Malone and Kimbrell Owens)</b>
<b>April 27, 2015:</b>	DOJ Team, Tour of Evening Reporting Center (ERC) <b>(Judge Michael, Pam Skelton, Fran Gonzales, Gary Cummings, Mamie Jones, Willie Walton and Larry Weichel)</b>
<b>April 27, 2015:</b>	Reception at Memphis Child Advocacy Center honoring the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities <b>(Judge Michael)</b>
<b>April 27- May 1, 2015:</b>	DOJ Team Due Process Monitor, Ms. Sandra Simpkins, Attorney- Staff Conferences <b>(Katherine Schaffler, Debra Salters, Jim Dupree, Michelle Jones and Tyrone Hurd)</b>
<b>April 27-29, 2015:</b>	DOJ Team Dr. Michael Leiber, Equal Protection Monitor, Meetings <b>(Judge Michael, Magistrate Garland Erguden, Larry Scroggs, Magistrate David Walker, Pam Skelton, Dini Malone; Shannon Caraway, Caralee Barrett, Lisa Hill, Thomas Coupé, Kimbrell Owens)</b>
<b>April 28, 2015:</b>	GRASSY Intervention Team Meeting <b>(Steven Allen)</b>
<b>April 28, 2015:</b>	Shelby County Interagency Domestic Abuse Fatality Review Team <b>(Michael Blancett)</b>
<b>April 28, 2015:</b>	Calvary Episcopal Church Luncheon honoring attorneys and judges who have died in the past year <b>(Judge Michael)</b>
<b>April 29, 2015:</b>	GRASSY Steering Committee Meeting <b>(Steven Allen)</b>
<b>April 29, 2015:</b>	International Association for Truancy and Dropout Prevention Meeting <b>(Sharon Fuller and Sherry Schedler)</b>
<b>April 30, 2015:</b>	CPIT Advisory Coalition Meeting <b>(Michael Blancett and Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)</b>
<b>April 30, 2015:</b>	DCI Steering Committee (NOVA) & Grants Management Team Meetings <b>(Demetria Maxwell-Hughlett)</b>
<b>April 30, 2015:</b>	Meeting with Mayor Mark Luttrell <b>(Judge Michael, Larry Scroggs and DOJ Team)</b>
<b>April 30, 2015:</b>	Meetings with Sheriff Bill Oldham regarding Detention Services <b>(Judge Michael, Larry Scroggs and DOJ Team)</b>
<b>April 30, 2015:</b>	Tennessee Mental Health- Juvenile Justice Policy Academy Action Network Forum Discussion <b>(Fran Gonzales, Rita Hall, Kimbrell Owens and Sherry Schedler)</b>